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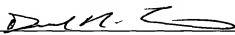
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Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2001-329907 is in the same family as U.S. Patent 6,470,840; and Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2002-54413 is in the same family as U.S. Patent 6,397,804.

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